

City of Hollister
Park and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2012

Commissioners Attending: Jason Ballew,
Julie Avera, Laura Miller.
Also attending
Julian Gaytan, Clay Lee, Tina Garza, Delia
Dan Dungy

CALL TO ORDER.

Chairperson Jason Ballew called the June 26, 2012 meeting of the City of Hollister Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 6:05 pm.

Verification of Agenda Posting

Recreation Supervisor Tina Garza informed the Commission that the agenda was posted at both City Hall and the Hollister Community Center on June 22, 2012 per Government Code Section 54954.2.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve as the April 2012 meeting was canceled due to a lack of a quorum and the May 2012 meeting was canceled due to a conflicting date with City Council budget hearings.

PUBLIC COMMENT- There were no speakers.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Joint City County Ad Hoc Committee
2. Retirement of Parks and Streets Supervisor Marcelo Orta. Executive Secretary Lee informed the Commission that Parks and Streets Supervisor Marcelo Orta retired from the City of Hollister on May 31, 2012 after 36 years of service to the City. Lee stated that Mr. Orta's service was greatly appreciated and he will be missed.
3. Overview of Kids at the Park activity, Recreation Supervisor Tina Garza informed the Commission that the Kids at the Park program held __June 20, 2012 was a success and the numbers were still being counted but they estimated approximately 1,000 youth in

attendance. Both Recreation Supervisor Tina Garza and Support Services Assistant Delia Ramon were very involved with the planning of the event which is a multi-agency collaboration that has been going on for _18_years.

4. Overview of Dog Days. Chairperson Ballew informed the Commission that Dog Days was a success again this year. The event sponsored by the Hollister Dog Owners Group was held at Dunne Park. Chairperson Ballew stated that attendance was down a bit this year over previous years. Executive Secretary Lee said he attended the event with one of his dogs and enjoyed the event. City Parks Division staff worked very closely with the Hollister Dog organizers in preparing the Park for the event.

5. Parks and Recreation Commissioner Training Review

Executive Secretary Lee said the Parks and Recreation Commissioner training that was held on Saturday __May 12, 2012 at the Veteran's Memorial Building was a success and educational for those in attendance. Commissioners Avera, Rodarte and Miller were in attendance along with approximately 20 other commissioners from the Central Coast Area. The event was organized by Janelle Cox of San Benito County and was presented by Mr. Romero of the California Association of Park and Recreation Board Members and Commissioners. Commissioner Miller said she learned a lot and that it was a good training. Lee said that he and staff members Garza and Ramon also attended the activity that was held in the morning and early afternoon.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduction of Interim Parks and Streets Supervisor Julian Gaytan

Executive Secretary Lee introduced Julian Gaytan as the Interim Parks and Streets Supervisor and said he was replacing Marcelo Orta who had retired. Julian was a Senior Maintenance Worker under Mr. Orta who was appointed in early June by City Manager Clint Quilter. Lee said Gaytan is doing a very good job in performing his duties. Chairperson Ballew asked if this would be a permanent appointment. Lee stated that the City usually has a competitive internal process for permanent promotional opportunities. Gaytan has 36 years of service with the City in various departments and is well liked and respected by his staff and co-workers, Lee said.

2. Request by Model Aeronautics Group for use of Brigantino Park

Mr. Bob Brown spoke on behalf of the South Bay Soaring group and explained what his organization offered and said they were looking to use space at Brigantino Park for their

activities. Executive Secretary Lee informed the Commission that they should be careful regarding the use of the facility until the Ad Hoc Committee has established rules and policies governing the park. Executive Secretary Lee stated that since there is no permit process in place it would be premature to grant a permit. Mr. Brown had provided proof of insurance by the Association of Model Aeronautics National Organization. He also stated that there are about 20 local members that enjoy this type of activity. They are looking for a location to have local activities. He asked if his group could use the park if there were no conflicting activities. Executive Secretary Lee stated that he would work with Mr. Brown with his use request. Lee also said that Mr. Brown might want to be in attendance at the next Ad Hoc Committee meeting to discuss the park rules.